

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5, 20-22 and 35 stand rejected, with claims 2-4, 6-19, 23-34 and 36-39 objected to in the outstanding Official Action. Applicants have cancelled without prejudice claims 5, 11 and 40-43 and amended claims 1, 6, 12, 14 and 18. Accordingly, only claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-29 and 31-39 remain in this application.

The Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicants' claim for priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is very much appreciated. Additionally, the Examiner's consideration of the prior art previously submitted in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement is appreciated.

In section 2, page 2 of the Official Action, the Examiner notes that claims 40-43 are withdrawn from further consideration. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby obviating any further requirements regarding these claims.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §112 (second paragraph) as lacking antecedent basis for the term "said substrate." Applicants have amended claim 6 to read "a substrate" thereby obviating the need for antecedent basis. Any further objection or rejection of claim 6 is respectfully traversed.

In section 4 on page 2 of the Official Action, claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §112 (second paragraph) as being incomplete. Applicants have added the subject matter of claims 5 and 11 and revised the format of the claims to positively recite the four separate structures and their interrelationships which make up the claimed invention, taking care to recite the necessary interrelationship between those structures to provide the beneficial result of the present

invention. Reconsideration of claim 1 in view of the present amendments is respectfully requested.

In section 6 on page 4 of the present Official Action, claims 2-4, 6-19, 23-34 and 36-39 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. This indication of allowable subject matter is very much appreciated. Applicants have added the allowable subject matter of claim 11 to independent claim 1, thereby rendering claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon in allowable form. Where necessary, the dependency of claims has been amended to properly depend from claim 1 instead of claims 5 and 11 from which the claims previously depended (see claims 6, 12, 14 and 18).

In view of the inclusion of allowable subject matter from claim 11 in independent claim 1, claim 1 and remaining claims 3, 4, 6-10, 12-29 and 31-39 dependent thereon are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The rejection of former claims 1, 5, 20-22 and 35 under 35 USC §102 over the Soredal (U.S. Patent 3,614,490) reference has been obviated in view of the inclusion of allowable subject matter from claim 11 in independent claim 1. Accordingly, any further rejection thereunder is respectfully traversed.

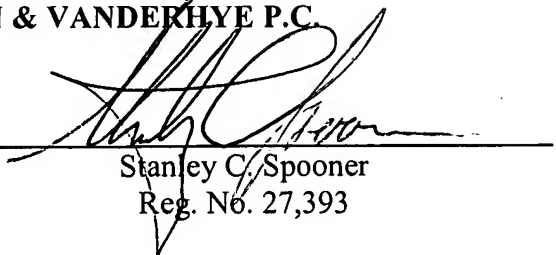
Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that remaining claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-29 and 31-39 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants undersigned representative.

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